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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2005, at 4 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, most holy, we pause at the start of our labors to praise Your name. You have provided for our needs and pleasure. You have placed us amid plenty and beauty. You have given us the majesty of the sunrise and strength for today's journey.

We find our true meaning in You. Because of You, we live, and move, and love. Your mercies are new each morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Bless our Senators in their work. Empower them to give themselves to others in a way that will honor Your name. We offer this day to You and, standing on tiptoe, listen for the whisper of Your wisdom.

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today is the last day of the fiscal year, and it will be necessary for us to consider the continuing resolution, which is at the desk. This continuing resolution is a short-term measure that will keep all functions of Government operating while we continue to work on the remaining appropriations measures.

I hope we can act expeditiously on the joint resolution, which is at the desk. I understand there may be an amendment from the other side of the aisle, and I ask Members to show restraint. We need to pass this resolution without amendment so it can get to the President for his signature by midnight tonight. If an amendment is offered, I would expect we would vote quickly on that amendment so we can then proceed to vote on the underlying continuing resolution. Members can expect a vote this morning as we complete our work on this funding measure.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 9:45 the Senate turn to the

consideration of H.J. Res. 68, the continuing resolution, which is at the desk; provided further that one amendment be in order to be offered by Senator HARKIN and relating to CSBG, and that the time until 10:15 be equally divided in the usual form.

I further ask unanimous consent that at 10:15 the Senate vote in relation to the Harkin amendment, and that following that vote, the resolution be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the joint resolution, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

### MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.J. Res. 68, which the clerk will report by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (H.J. Res. 68) making continuing appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2006, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). The time between now and 10:15 will be equally divided in the usual form, with one amendment to be offered by the Senator from Iowa, Mr. HARKIN.

### AMENDMENT NO. 1921

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

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